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In re Application of:
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Dear Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated June 11, 2003, please consider the following comments:

Introductory Comments

Drawings 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 11 and 14 were objected to as failing to indicate prior art references. Drawings 1, 2, 5 and 7 have been corrected and attached with the corrections indicated in red ink. Drawings 10, 11 and 14 are respectfully asserted to contain subject matter that is not in the prior art. The title was rejected as being not descriptive. The title has been changed to more fully describe the claimed invention. The independent claims 1, 36, 51, 58, 59, 60, 66, 69, and 72, along with certain dependent claims have been rejected under section 102 as being anticipated by Sun. Applicants respectfully offer the following amendments and comments that distinguish Sun from Applicants' claimed subject matter. Certain other dependent claims have been rejected under section 103 based on Sun in view of Ganesan. These rejections are respectfully traversed as depending from allowable independent claims.

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Claims 1, 7, 12, 16, 36, 37, 51, 58, 59, 60-62, 66, 69 and 72 have been amended. Claims 63, 68 and 71 are cancelled. Claims 1-62, 64-67, 69-70, and 72-76 remain under consideration.